In a twist on the traditional book club, Little Free Library’s Action Book Club™ combines reading and community service. Participants read books on timely topics, engage in lively discussions, and take part in meaningful—and fun—group service projects to benefit their communities. This is reading and social engagement at its best.

We've compiled a list of recommended books that address previous Action Book Club themes: Everyday Heroes, Come Together, Moving Forward, We Are Family, Many Voices, Good Neighbors.

Everyone can take part in the Action Book Club program. That’s why this list of suggested books—recommended by Little Free Library stewards, communities, and advisers—includes options for young readers, middle readers, and adults.
• *Emmanuel’s Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah* by Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Sean Qualls (40 pp, Schwartz & Wade, 2015).
• *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Eric-Shabazz Larkin (32 pp, Readers to Eaters, 2016).
• *The Infamous Ratsos* by Kara LaReau, illustrated by Matt Myers (64 pages, Candlewick, 2017).

**Nonfiction.**

• *Waiting for the Biblioburro* by Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra (32 pp, Tricycle Press, 2016).
Everyday Heroes

Middle Readers

- *Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!* by Marley Dias (208 pp, Scholastic, 2018).
Everyday Heroes

**Advanced & Adult Readers**

Come Together

Young Readers

- **All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman (44 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- **All of Us** by Carin Berger (40 pp, Greenwillow Books, 2018).
- **Drawn Together** by Minh Lè, illustrated by Dan Santat (40 pp, Disney-Hyperion, 2018).
- **Hattie and Hudson** by Chris van Dusen (40 pp, Candlewick, 2017).
- **Lend a Hand** by John Frank, illustrated by London Ladd (32 pp, Lee & Low, 2014).
- **Love** by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Loren Long (40 pp, G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- **This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World** by Matt Lamothe (52 pp, Chronicle Books, 2017).
Come Together

Middle & Young Adult Readers

- **Christopher Robin** by Elizabeth Rudnick (288 pp, Disney, 2018).
- **Fiction.**
- **The Harlem Charade** by Natasha Tarpley (320 pp, Scholastic, 2017).
- **The Hero Two Doors Down** by Sharon Robinson (208 pp, Scholastic, 2017).
- **The Lifters** by Dave Eggers (352 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- **Love, Hate and Other Filters** by Samira Ahmed (288 pp, Soho Teen, 2018).
- **Margo and Mateo Save the World** by Darcy Miller (HarperCollins).
- **Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan (256 pp, Scholastic, 2016).
Come Together

Advanced & Adult Readers

- America for Beginners by Leah Franqui (320 pp, William Morrow, 2018).
- The Opposite of Hate by Sally Kohn (272 pp, Algonquin Books, 2018).
- So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo (256 pp, Seal Press, 2018).
- There There by Tommy Orange (Knopf, 2018).
- Us Against You by Fredrik Backman (448 pp, Atria Books, 2018).
Moving Forward

Young Readers

- *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* by Dan Santat (40 pp, Roaring Brook Press, 2017).
Moving Forward

Middle & Young Adult Readers

- **American Road Trip** by Patrick Flores-Scott (336 pp, Henry Holt, 2018).
- **Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams (384 pp, Atheneum, 2019).
- **George** by Alex Gino (224 pp, Scholastic, 2018).
- **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds (208 pp, Atheneum, 2017).
- **Hey, Kiddo** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (320 pp, Graphix, 2018).
- **Merci Suárez Changes Gears** by Meg Medina (368 pp, Candlewick, 2018).
- **What I Leave Behind** by Alison McGhee (208 pp, Atheneum, 2018).
Moving Forward

Adult & Advanced Readers

- **Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Lifetime of Breakthroughs and Purpose** by Jean Case (272 pp, Simon & Schuster, 2019).
- **Educated** by Tara Westover (352 pp, Random House, 2018).
- **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah (448 pp, St. Martin’s Press, 2018).
- **Halsey Street** by Naima Coster (336 pp, Little A, 2018).
- **In Every Moment We Are Still Alive** by Tom Malmquist (240 pp, Melville House, 2018).
- **No Happy Endings** by Nora McInerny (288 pp, Dey Street Books, available March 2019).
- **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens (384 pp, G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 2018).
We Are Family

Young Readers

- **Carmela Full of Wishes** by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (40 pp, G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- **Dreamers** by Yuyi Morales (40 pp, Neal Porter Books, 2018).
- **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal (48 pp, Roaring Brook Press, available October 2019).
- **Gondra’s Treasure** by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt (40 pp, Clarion Books, 2019).
- **Here and There** by Tamara Ellis Smith, illustrated by Evelyn Daviddi (32 pp, Barefoot Books, 2019).
- **My Footprints** by Bao Phi, illustrated by Basia Tran (32 pp, Capstone, available September 2019).
- **Marvelous Maravilloso: Me and My Beautiful Family** by Carrie Lara, illustrated by Christine Battuz (32 pp, Magination Press, 2018).
- **Saturday** by Oge Mora (40 pp, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, available October 2019).
- **Who’s in My Family?** by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott (40 pp, Candlewick, 2012).
We Are Family

Middle & Young Adult Readers

- *Caterpillar Summer* by Gillian McDunn (304 pp, Bloomsbury, 2019).
- *The Far Away Brothers: Two Teenage Immigrants Making a Life in America (Adapted for Young Adults)* by Lauren Markham, (288 pp, Delacorte Press, 2019).
- *Hotel Dare* by Terry Blas, illustrated by Claudia Aguirre (144 pages, KaBOOM!, 2019).
- *Hurricane Season* by Nicole Melleby (288 pp, Algonquin Young Readers, 2019).
- *This Time Will Be Different* by Misa Sugiura (400 pp, Harper Teen, 2019).
We Are Family

Adult & Advanced Readers

- **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate (368 pp, Ballantine, 2019).
- **In West Mills** by De’Shawn Charles Winslow (272 pp, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019).
- **Lost Children Archive** by Valeria Luiselli (400 pp, Knopf, 2019).
- **The Lager Queen of Minnesota** by J. Ryan Stradal (368 pp, Pamela Dorman Books, 2019).
- **The Most Fun We Ever Had** by Claire Lombardo (544 pp, Doubleday, 2019).
- **Natalie Tan’s Book of Love and Fortune** by Roselle Lim (320 pp, Berkeley, 2019).
- **On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous** by Ocean Vuong (256 pp, Penguin Press, 2019).
- **Patsy** by Nicole Dennis-Benn (432 pp, Liveright, 2019).
- **Searching for Sylvie Lee** by Jean Kwok (341 pp, William Morrow, 2019).
- **Small Fry** by Lisa Brennan-Jobs (400 pp, Grove, 2018).
- **The Travelers** by Regina Porter (320 pp, Hogarth, 2019).
- **Where the Dead Sit Talking** by Brandon Hobson (288 pp, Soho Press, 2019).
Many Voices

Young Readers

- **A Different Pond** by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui (32 pp, Capstone Young Readers, available August 2017).
- **I’m New Here** by Anne Sibley O’Brien (32 pp, Charlesbridge, 2015).
- **Mango, Abuela, and Me** by Meg Medina, illustrated by Angela Dominguez (32 pp, Candlewick, 2015).
- **This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration** by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by James Ransome (32 pp, Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013).
- **We’re All Wonders** by R. J. Palacio (32 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017).
Many Voices

Middle Readers

- **American Street** by Ibi Zoboi (336 pp, Balzer + Bray, 2017).
- **American Born Chinese** by Gene Luen Yang (240 pp, Square Fish, 2008).
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas (464 pp, Balzer + Bray, 2017).
- **March: Book Three** by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell (256 pp, Top Shelf Productions, 2016).
- **The Only Road** by Alexandra Diaz (320 pp, Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2016).
- **The Sun Is Also a Star** by Nicola Yoon (384 pp, Delacorte Press, 2016).
Many Voices

Adult & Advanced Readers

- **Behold the Dreamers** by Imbolo Mbue (400 pp, Random House, 2016).
- **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates (176 pp, Spiegel & Grau, 2015).
- **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi (320 pp, Vintage, 2017).
- **In the Country We Love: My Family Divided** by Diane Guerrero and Michelle Burford (272 pp, Henry Holt and Co., 2016).
- **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult (480 pp, Ballantine Books, 2016).
Good Neighbors

Young Readers

- The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen, illustrated by Elaine Greenstein (Fulcrum Publishing, 2009).
- One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference by Kate Smith Milway, illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes (CitizenKid, 2008).
- Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson, illustrated by Fumi Kosaka (Gibbs Smith, 2002).

Middle Readers

- All of the Above by Shelley Pearsall (234 pp, Little Brown, 2008).
- Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami (96 pp, Groundwood Books, 2016).
- The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E. L. Konigsburg (304 pp, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006).
- Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman (70 pp, Harper Trophy, 2004).
Good Neighbors

Adult & Advanced Readers

- In the Neighborhood: The Search for Community on an American Street, One Sleepover at a Time by Peter Lovenheim (256 pp, Tarcher Perigee, 2011).
- The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead (320 pp, Doubleday, 2016).
- The Zookeeper’s Wife: A War Story by Diane Ackerman (384 pp, W.W. Norton, 2008).